

SLAVERY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW YORK,

IN FAVOR

Of a provision, in the establishment of territorial governments over New Mexico and the Californias, prohibiting slavery therein so long as the same may remain Territories.

FEBRUARY 8, 1848.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
In Assembly, January 10, 1848.

Whereas the President of the United States, in his last annual message, has recommended the establishment by Congress of territorial governments over the conquered Mexican provinces of New Mexico and the Californias, and the retention thereof as an indemnity, in which said territories the institution of slavery does not now exist: Therefore,

Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best efforts to insert into any act or ordinance, establishing any and all such provisional or territorial government or governments, a fundamental article or provision, which shall provide, declare, and guaranty that slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been first duly convicted, shall be prohibited therein so long as the same shall remain a territory.

Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions and preamble to each of said Senators and Representatives.

By order:

P. B. PRINDLE, *Clerk.*

STATE OF NEW YORK,
In Senate, January 13, 1848.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur in the foregoing resolution.

By order:

A. H. CALHOUN, *Clerk.*

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Albany, January 19, 1848.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit you herewith a copy of certain concurrent resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, in relation to the prohibition of slavery in territory to be acquired by the United States.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

HON. DANIEL B. ST. JOHN.